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In re:

U.S. Application of:

Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO and  
Yasushi WATANABE

For:

HOLLOW RACK SHAFT

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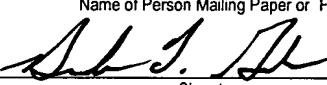
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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed October 20, 2003, be extended for one month up to and including February 20, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted concurrently herewith.

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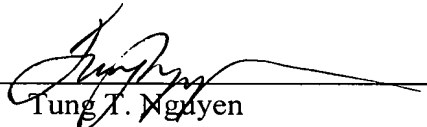
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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$880.00 (\$770.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and the one month extension fee of \$110.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)), to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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